

J. WIFE-SLAYER GETS LIFE TERM

George Dobson's Plea of Non Vult Accepted by Supreme Court

NO RELATIVES PRESENT

George Dobson, who beat his wife to death with a bedpost at their home in Bannockme Heights, N. J., last September, was sentenced to life imprisonment this morning by Supreme Court Justice Katzenbach in the Camden Courthouse.

A plea of non vult was accepted by Justice Katzenbach on recommendation of Prosecutor Wolverson, who said that, while Dobson's crime was attended with brutality, he believed that the man would be sufficiently punished by life imprisonment.

Mr. Wolverson also explained that the trial would be costly to Camden County and would probably extend through five or six days, with the possibility that the jury might recommend mercy.

Dobson appeared in the courtroom as a box of candy under his arm. As he glanced about a look of disappointment spread over his face. He had expected to see his children, but they were not taken to the courtroom.

No relative of Dobson was present. The only person in the courtroom who knew him was Walter Keown, his lawyer. When asked why he carried the candy, explained that he had intended to give it to his son Raymond, one of the three children left motherless through the slaying of Mrs. Dobson.

Addressing Justice Katzenbach, Mr. Keown said Dobson was a sincerely repentant man. He repeated a story of the crime told to him by the prisoner, according to it, Dobson was jealous of a former boarder in the Runnemede Heights bungalow in which the murder took place. After receiving the hearing, the lawyer said, Mrs. Dobson's husband and kissed him before he fled to escape arrest.

Dobson was tracked to Canaan, after the death of Mrs. Dobson, and arrested on the farm of brother-in-law, Mr. Keown. Relatives of Mrs. Dobson told the Camden police that the man has a wife in an insane asylum in Delaware. The Delaware wife, they asserted, had been driven insane by Dobson's cruel treatment.

Dobson admitted that he had a wife in Delaware, but declared that he thought she was dead when he married the second time.

SCHOOLBOY BADLY HURT WHEN HIT BY MOTORCAR

West Manayunk Lad Struck While Playing on Road

James Rose, fourteen years old, of Boone and DuPont streets, West Manayunk, was struck and seriously hurt by an automobile on Leversing Mill road, Camden, this morning. The motorcar, driven by Miss Irene Detrick, 1743 Fairmount avenue.

The boy was on his way to the Cynwold school, and was accompanied by several companions. It was said that the Rose boy was pushed directly in the path of the automobile which was proceeding slowly. He sustained a fractured left leg and internal injuries.

William J. Gregory, owner of the machine, picked the boy up and took him to the Memorial Hospital. Miss Detrick gave herself up at the runemede police station and was released by Magistrate Stillwagon to appear again in two weeks.

HITS DIVORCEE MARRIAGE

Pastor Says if Minister Refuses Others Will Perform Ceremony

Complaint was made today at the meeting of the Lutheran Ministers' Association in the Central Y. M. C. A., that when a conscientious clergyman refuses to perform the marriage ceremony for divorced persons, there are other ministers always ready to unite such couples.

The complaint was made by the Rev. Dr. D. E. Ripley, president of the association, in the discussion following an address on divorce by Dr. Emil Fischer, professor of ethics at the Lutheran Theological Seminary, Mount Airy.

In telling how the divorce evil has grown in the United States, Dr. Fischer said that between 1900 and 1910 there were 700,000 divorces in this country. This was increased to 1,100,000 between 1910 and 1920.

HELD ON WOMAN'S CHARGE

Harrisburg Man Accused of Obtaining Money by False Pretenses

After pointing out Harry Britz, of Harrisburg, to Detectives McManis and Carmody, Mrs. Eva Deitz, also of Harrisburg, testified against the man in the Central Police Court today, and had him held in \$500 bail for trial, on a charge of obtaining money by false pretenses.

Mrs. Deitz said that on January 24 last she rode from Harrisburg to Philadelphia with Britz, who had promised to get her a position. After the ride, she said, Britz told her that he would borrow \$180 with which to arrange for a bond before the trial, and she said, until she made careful search of the streets, and at last pointed him out to the detectives.

4 BURGLARS SENTENCED

Charges Against Alleged Accomplices Are Dropped

John Hennessy, 2315 Seybert street; Edward J. Hurless, 1263 North Taylor street; Joseph Rush, 1446 North Epping street; and Daniel Jordan, 2315 Seybert street, were each sentenced to five years in the County Prison by Judge Rogers today after they pleaded guilty to entering three homes in the neighborhood of Northampton and Diamond streets and stealing property valued at nearly \$3,000.

Charges against William Hoey, 2112 Oxford street, were dropped on the statements of the detectives and the prisoners that he had no connection with the thefts. Two others are now under indictment on charges of receiving the stolen goods.

WANTS LUXURY CASH SAVED

U. of P. Dean Says Money Spent by Women Would Build Schools

If the money that the women of Philadelphia spend for paint, powder and other luxuries during a year could be saved for school building, there would be sufficient funds to build five or six schools, declared Dr. J. H. Minnick, dean of the University of Pennsylvania, at the weekly luncheon of the City Business Club in the Adelphi Hotel today.

Dr. Minnick also said that in connection with the school building fund, he had urged the men in connection with the fund, Minnick said that all teachers should be at least graduates of a normal school.

Found in Chicago



MRS. E. S. CLEATHAM, widow of a wealthy New York City lawyer, was found in a Coney Island bathing beach last August. Found play was suspected. Mrs. Cleatham was well and happy, when discovered in rooming house several days ago.

DENIES FRAUD CHARGES

Accused Confectioner Testifies in Automobile Insurance Case

Charges and counter-charges complicated the trial today of Abraham Atlas, confectioner at 1741 South street, accused of conspiracy to defraud an automobile insurance company.

Judge McPherson heard the case, which began Friday, Irving Kurland and Raymond Arnold, who had pleaded guilty to the theft of the car, testified Atlas had promised them \$100 of the insurance money he hoped to collect.

Atlas on the witness stand today said Kurland had called on his car on the day after the car was stolen, admitted the theft and begged not to be exposed. The man's wife joined in the plea, Atlas swore, and he consented, Atlas said, to let Kurland and Arnold use the car, but he had given extensive answers to insurance adjusters so as to save Kurland. The defendant declared under oath he believed the case against him had been "framed up."

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FIRM LACKED OFFICERS

Receiver Named to Run Affairs Until Head Leaves Hospital

As John J. Turney, president of the Turney Transportation Company, 308 Chestnut street, is in a hospital, it was necessary today to appoint a receiver for the company, although its assets are \$400,000 and its liabilities only \$20,000.

Mr. Turney was taken ill February 11. As other officers of the company resigned January 20 to enter business for themselves, no one was left in charge of the corporation.

Judge Thompson named Winifred W. Crayford, an attorney, receiver until Mr. Turney recovers.

ROBBER GETS FIVE YEARS

Hold-up Man Is Sentenced by Judge Rogers

Judge Rogers today sentenced Harry Johnson, 1814 North Eleventh street, to five years in the County Prison for robbery.

Johnson held up Raymond Moore, of 2651 Holbrook avenue, at Seventeenth street and Bust street, February 7. A pair of gloves and \$54 were taken from Moore.

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SAYS MITTEN WINS PROXY MAJORITY

Stock Owner So Announces as 6 Per Cent Dividend Promise is Reiterated

BIG EARNINGS FORECAST

Enough proxies to assure control of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company by the Mitten forces have already been received, according to a statement made today by a prominent stockholder of the company.

The announcement was made coincidentally with a declaration by Thomas E. Mitten, president of the company, that P. R. T. would pay a 6 per cent dividend this year.

In this report, issued to the stockholders, Mr. Mitten reiterated his proposal of sharing profits with the men after they had effected further economies and a 6 per cent dividend had been paid.

An intimation that he will resign from direction of the company if this proposal is not accepted by stockholders is also given in Mr. Mitten's report. He says specifically that his agreement with the company, which expires March 31, will be continued if stockholders assent to his plan.

The report reviews achievements of the past management since it took control of the company, and lists figures and facts to show that it has been extremely beneficial to the company and employees alike.

The report also contains a statement of facts that there is no room for fancy phraseology.

The income account of the company, as well as a communication from W. C. Dunbar, vice president in charge of finance, incorporated in the report of the president, shows consistent gain under Mitten management. It is shown that in 1921, the net income of P. R. T. was \$1,807,292, while in 1920, under other management, there was a deficit of \$1,222,725. In 1921, only 2.55 per cent of operating revenue was required for accident costs as against 6.21 per cent in 1920. Fixed charges now represent but 25.2 per cent of operating revenue, while 46.27 per cent was required in 1920.

Net earnings of \$3,000,000 for 1922 were forecast in the report.

The forecast of earnings is contained in a statement to Mr. Mitten by Mr. Dunbar.

According to Mr. Dunbar, the corporation will have a surplus of a million dollars left after paying all operating expenses, fixed charges and taxes, and a 6 per cent dividend to its stockholders. The surplus is to be used to finance expenditures for betterments and improvements, because, as Mr. Dunbar puts it, "there is no other source from which to draw."

Another feature of the report is the explanation made of the much-criticized "surplus." This is listed in the balance sheet as totaling \$5,748,950.84. But in Mr. Dunbar's summary of economies and achievements it is pointed out that this covers the years from 1911 to 1921 and that the amount "has been spent for improvements and the equities produced by this expenditure have been preserved to P. R. T. stockholders."

They Say It With Flour

The Flour Club of Philadelphia will say it to themselves tonight. The occasion will be the annual dinner at the Bellevue-Stratford, George Dallas Dixon, vice president of the Pennsylvania Railroad, and Walter Woodman, president of the Commercial Exchange of New York, will speak.

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Weglein Loyal to P. R. T. Even in Sunny Florida

Richard Weglein, president of Council, stopped in the midst of his vacation at St. Lucie, Fla., to express an appreciation of the P. R. T. The tribute was in the form of a communication to Thomas E. Mitten, president of the company. "The more I see of other car lines the better I like Philadelphia's system," This message was on a postcard, bearing a picture of a mule-drawn car at Palm Beach, Fla.

RAPID TRANSIT ENGINEER DEFENDS CARFARE RATE

R. H. Horton Testifies Charges in This City Are Justified

Street car service in this city is worth the present rate of fare which could be "considerably higher without being unreasonable," R. H. Horton, traffic engineer for the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company, testified today before Public Service Commissioner Clement at valuation proceedings in City Hall.

Mr. Horton said the value of the service could be judged by comparing it with the service and rates of fare in other cities. The basic fare in Boston, he said, was cents; in Cleveland, 6 cents; Detroit, 5 cents and one cent for a transfer; Chicago, surface lines, 8 cents; elevated lines, 10 cents; St. Louis, 7 cents; Kansas City, 8 cents, and Pittsburgh 10 cents or three tickets for 25 cents.

Mr. Horton testified that considering the routing accommodations here, the speed of the service, the frequency of cars, with 3.9 cars operated on each mile of track, the cleanliness and comfort, the condition of the roadbed and the courtesy of the employees, the service is worth the present fare and more.

While the Reynolds offer was higher, the insurance companies, which own stock of the Jersey Central, declared the bid of the Lehigh and Wilkes-Barre Coal Company stock to the Reynolds Syndicate of New York being confirmed.

The Reynolds Syndicate bid \$32,300,000 for the stock, which was offered under a decree of the District Court for the dissolution of the Reading Company, and its allied corporations. The Franklin Securities Corporation, of this city, put in a bid of \$31,920,144.

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4 Russian Pony, Opps. Trim'd . . . . . 180.00 89.50

9 Natural Muskrat Coats . . . . . 195.00 94.50

5 Marmot, Raccoon Trimmed . . . . . 195.00 97.50

6 French Seal, Skunk Trim'd . . . . . 195.00 97.50

4 French Seal, Squirrel Trim'd . . . . . 250.00 125.00

2 Taup Nutria Coats . . . . . 290.00 145.00

4 Moleskin Wraps . . . . . 350.00 175.00

5 Natural Raccoon Coats . . . . . 400.00 195.00

5 Hudson Seal Coats . . . . . 450.00 225.00

5 Hudson Seal, Skunk Trim'd . . . . . 490.00 245.00

8 Hudson Seal, Beaver Trim'd . . . . . 490.00 245.00

6 Hud. Seal, Squirrel Trim'd . . . . . 490.00 245.00

4 Hudson Seal Wraps . . . . . 600.00 275.00

7 Natural Squirrel Coats . . . . . 600.00 295.00

ASK EARLY HEARING IN COAL SALE SUIT

Lehigh and Wilkes-Barre Stockholders Want Protest Against Syndicate Decided

VALUE OF BIDS QUESTIONED

The Central Railroad of New Jersey today petitioned the United States District Court to fix a day for hearing its petition for the dismissal of the protests of the Continental Insurance Company and the Fidelity-Phoenix Fire Insurance Company of New York.

The protests were made against the sale of the Lehigh and Wilkes-Barre Coal Company stock to the Reynolds Syndicate of New York being confirmed.

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